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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A jewelry item comprising the ~~silver~~ alloy composition of Claim + 15, said jewelry item is selected from the group consisting of bracelet, ring, necklace, brooch, cuff links, pin, and watch.

8. (Currently amended) A flatware item comprising the ~~silver~~ alloy composition of Claim + 15, said flatware item is selected from the group consisting of knife, fork, spoon, tray, pitcher and plate.

9-13 Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) The alloy of Claim ~~9-15~~ is formed into a configuration selected from the group consisting of grains, sheets, and tubes.

15. (Currently amended) A metal alloy having a composition ~~comprising about~~ consisting essentially of 90.5-95.5% silver by weight, about 0.5-6% platinum by weight, about 0.7-4% copper by weight, about 0.1-2% gallium by weight, about 1-3% tin by weight, about 1-2.5% germanium by weight, about 0.5-4% zinc by weight, and about 0.1-0.2% silicon by weight.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The metal alloy of Claim 15, wherein said platinum refines the grain structure of the alloy so as to provide the metal alloy with a brighter surface finish as compared to a sterling silver alloy that does not include platinum.

18. (Original) The metal alloy of Claim 15, having a Rockwell-15T Hardness value of between about 69-70.

19-24 (Canceled)